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SUBJECT: PREFABRICATED HOUSING PROPOSAL

1. RETIRING REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT MOBIL OIL, M.M. AHDAB (WHOIS BEING RETAINED BY MOBIL AS A CONSULTANT) HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE PUT IN CONTACT WITH U.S. PRE-FABRICATED HOUSING FIRMS INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A LEBANESE, SAUDI AND AMERICAN EQUITY SHARE HOLDING COMPANY FOR MASS PRODUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES, BARRACKS AND WAREHOUSES IN SAUDI ARABIAN AND THE GULF AREA. ACCORDING TO IN-DEPTH STUDIES ALREADY CARRIED OUT BY AHDAB, BROAD USE OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM PETRO-CHEMICALS SUCH AS URETHANE, FIBERGLASS AND POLYESTER WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SUITED IN PRE-FABRICATED CONSTRUCTION IN LIGHT OF THEIR HIGH INSULATION AND FIRE RESISTANT PROPERTIES.

2. FOR USDOC'S INFORMATION, AHDAB, A LEBANESE MOSLEM, IS A HIGHLY RELIABLE, KNOWLEDGABLE AND A WELL-RESPECTED EXECUTIVE WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE GULF (AND IN SYRIA).

3. INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CONTACT AHDAB DIRECTLY IN CARE OF MOBIL OIL LEBANON, POST OFFICE BOX 12, BEIRUT, BUT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIRMS USDOC HAS CONTACTED.
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